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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

WANTED.

TWO Young Men to join two others in a MESS. Immediate possession.

Apply—

WANTED.

A GOOD SECOND HAND FREE WHEEL BICYCLE.

Apply to—

Care of Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 30th September, 1903. [2742]

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT 7 PER CENT. SILVER LOAN OF 1886, E. 34TH HALF-YEARLY DRAWING.

INTEREST DUE AND DRAWN BONDS of this loan will be payable at the OFFICES of the CORPORATION on or after the 30th SEPTEMBER, 1903.

List of draw bonds can be obtained on application to the undersigned.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Agents including the Loan, J. R. M. S. P. H. Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1903. [2741]

ZETLAND LODGE, NO. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), 1st OCTOBER, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1903. [2740]

CANTON DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 63.

WRECK OF STONE JUNK ABOVE 2ND BAR CREEK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above wreck has been removed and the channel is now clear.

J. HOWELL MAY, Harbour Master.

Approved, H. B. MORSE, Commissioner of Customs.

Custom House, Canton, 25th September, 1903. [2739]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW. THE Company's Steamship.

Captain Rensch, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 1st October, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1903. [2745]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

FOR RUROPE. The departure of the L.G.M. Steamship.

"ZIEFEN," has been POSTPONED to THURSDAY, the 1st October.

The exact hour of departure will be given later.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1903. [2743]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE H.A.L. Steamship.

Captain Schmidt, will be despatched for the above ports on FRI. AY, the 2nd October, at 5 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 29th September, 1903. [2735]

FOR KORE, NAGASAKI AND VLADIVOSTOK.

THE Steamship.

Captain Deinat, will be despatched for the above ports on SUNDAY, the 4th October, at DAYLIGHT.

This Steamer has superior accommodation for First Class Passengers and carries a Doctor.

For Freight or Passage, apply to HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 29th September, 1903. [2736]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.

(Florida and Rubattino United Companies.) STEAM FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA, also VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALLAO.

Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.)

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE.

FOR SHANGHAI. (Taking Cargo at through rates to TSINGTAU, CHINKIANG and HANKOW.)

THE Steamship.

"LYEEMOON," Captain Th. Lehmann, will be despatched for the above port TO-MORROW, the 1st October, at 3 p.m.

This Steamer has superior accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 29th September, 1903. [2734]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY. THE Company's Steamship.

"YUENSANG," Captain S. J. Payne, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 6th October, at 3 p.m.

This Steamer has superior accommodation for First Class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1903. [2744]

FOR CHEUNG PO, DALNY AND PORT ARTHUR. (Calling at SHANGHAI.)

THE Steamship.

"SULLBERG," Captain Meyer, will be despatched for the above ports on SUNDAY, the 11th October, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 29th September, 1903. [2737]

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship.

"SAXONIA," Captain Brohm, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from the wharves.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, To-day, the 29th inst.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be loaded into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 5th October will be subject to sale.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 5th October, at 3 p.m.

No Free Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 29th September, 1903. [2738]

THE EASTERN EXPANSION AUSTRIA-LASIA AND HINA TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.

REFERRING to the notice of the 25th R. of June last, the senders of Telegrams are hereby advised that from 1st OCTOBER, 1903, the charges for Telegrams will, subject to revision after three months, be collected at the rate of FOR-Y-SIX CENTS to equal One Franc.

J. M. BUCK, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 29th September, 1903. [2739]

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG STATION.

REFERRING to notice of 29th December 1902, and subsequent notices, Senders of Telegrams are hereby advised that from 1st OCTOBER, 1903, the charges for Telegrams will, subject to revision after three months, be collected at the rate of FOR-Y-SIX CENTS to equal One Franc.

The following rates will, consequently, come into force:

To Europe \$2.55

To North America, via Europe 4.10

To California, Washington State 4.10

To District of Columbia, New York State, Pennsylvania 3.90

To New York City, Ontario, Quebec, Massachusetts 3.80

To Russia in Europe 1.15

To Russia in Asia, 1st Region 1.15

To Russia in Asia, 2nd Region 1.15

To Japan 0.25

To Amoy 0.25

To Shanghai 0.45

New complete Lists will be distributed as soon as ready. In the meantime any further information may be obtained by applying to the Company's Office.

OLAF NIELSEN, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 29th September, 1903. [2725]

ENTERTAINMENTS

THEATRE ROYAL.

Sole Lessee, CHARLES A. POLLARD.

LAST THREE NIGHTS LAST THREE NIGHTS OF

POLLARD'S ENGLISH COMEDY CO.

Sixteen Popular Players, including the irresistible Comedian EDWARD NABLE.

Notwithstanding the nightly increasing success of this truly Popular Company the Season will positively close on FRIDAY NEXT.

TO-NIGHT AND TO-MORROW

"WHY SMITH LEFT HOME."

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During the evening Miss MARJORIE TEMPEST will Sing A W A K E

"HOW COULD I?"

LAST THREE NIGHTS FRIDAY FAREWELL. A BIG SPECIAL BILL. See Daily papers.

All Productions under the Personal Supervision of MR. EDWARD NABLE.

Prices \$3, \$2, and \$1. Play at Robinson Piano Co.'s. Late Train and Ferris will run after the performance.

ALEC MIDDLETON, Manager.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1903. [2712]

DANCING.

MRS. DONALDSON (Daughter of Professor J. F. WALLACE, of Rossmount Dancing Academy, Glasgow), has pleasure in informing the residents of Hongkong and district that she is opening DANCING CLASSES for BEGINNERS at the CITY HALL, on MONDAY, the 5th OCTOBER. Great pains will be taken in training Pupils, and none but those really desirous of learning the art need enrol themselves, as discipline in the classroom is essential and will be insisted upon.

ADULT BEGINNERS' CLASSES.—MONDAY and THURSDAY, from 8.15 to 9.45 P.M.; Fee, \$10 a month. SATURDAY, from 8.15 to 9.45 P.M.; Fee, \$6 a month. (Pupils enrolled at the ROBINSON PIANO CO., LD.)

ADVANCED OR PRACTICE CLASS.—WEDNESDAY, from 8.15 to 9.45 P.M.; Fee, \$7 a month.

JUVENILE BEGINNERS' CLASS.—SATURDAYS, from 3 to 5 P.M.; Fee, \$6 a month.

NOTE.—When there are three children from one family, the third will be allowed half fee. PRIVATE LESSONS given at hours to suit the convenience of pupils. For further information enquire of the ROBINSON PIANO CO., LIMITED.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1903. [2676]

WANTED.

CLERK, good Shortland Writer and Typist. One with knowledge of Book-keeping preferred. State qualifications and Salary expected to—

B. K., Care of Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 29th September, 1903. [2721]

WANTED.

A SUITABLE OFFICE in a Central position, for the STOCKBROKERS' ASSOCIATION.

Apply to—

E. S. JOSEPH, Hon. Secretary, Hongkong, 26th September, 1903. [2699]

WANTED.

OR Const Port an Experienced SHIP-PAINTING CLERK, good knowledge of French required.

Apply by letters only to—"ORIENTALIS," Care of Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 29th September, 1903. [2700]

WANTED.

AN Expert LADY TYPEWRITER. State Salary and Experience to—

A. L., Care of Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 31st August, 1903. [2643]

WANTED.

A CHINESE JUNIOR CLERK.—State age, qualifications and salary required.

"X. Y. Z.," Care of Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903. [2666]

WANTED IMMEDIATELY.

ADVERTISER requires FURNISHED HOUSE for Six Months.

Apply—

"SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST, LD., 15, Connaught Road Central, Hongkong, 22nd September, 1903. [2652]

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO GOVERNMENT.

WANTED.

A CHINESE OVERSEER of Public Works in Sandakan, about 25 years of age, with experience and able to do his own planning. Must speak and write English. Salary \$75 per mensem.

House Allowance 15 "

Second-class passage provided to Sandakan. A trial of a few months will be given and if not satisfactory return passage paid.

Apply to—

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Hongkong, 4th September, 1903. [2649]

A. LING & CO., FURNITURE STORE, PLATED, GLASS AND CROCKERY WARE, &c., &c., and FOOCHOW LACQUERED WARE, 68, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Hongkong, 21st September, 1903. [2631]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 30th SEPTEMBER, 1903, at Noon, at No. 51, WYNDHAM STREET, A QUANTITY OF FINE FURNITURE.

TERMS:—As Customary.

AEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 29th September, 1903. [2718]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), the 1st October, 1903, at 2.30 p.m., at his SALES ROOMS, Queen's Road, SUNDAY HOUSE, OLD FURNITURE, CARPETS and RUGS; CROCKERY, GLASS and PLATED WARE, PIANO, BICYCLE, and COOKING STOVE, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As Customary.

V. I. REMEDIOS, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 29th September, 1903. [2720]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 5th day of OCTOBER, 1903, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land at Slek Tong Tsui, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Reg. No.	Locality	N.	S.	E.	W.	Area in Acres	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1 No. 261	Praya Reclamation East side of Wherry Street, Slek Tong Tsui	66	100	100	100	10,270	29	85,000

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THE ROBINSON PIANO COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTE.

ENTIRELY
NEW STOCK
TO ARRIVE THIS MONTH.
SPECIALLY AND MOST CAREFULLY
CHOSEN,
DIRECT FROM THE FACTORIES,
BY OUR
MR. ROBINSON
NOW IN EUROPE.

GREAT
REDUCTIONS
IN OUR PRESENT STOCK OF PIANOS
AND MUSICAL GOODS.
A QUANTITY OF OLD MUSIC STILL
LEFT, BEING SOLD VERY
CHEAP.
CALL IN AND SEE WHAT WE HAVE.
ALL ENQUIRIES WILL BE MOST
COURTEOUSLY AND PROMPTLY
ANSWERED.

THE APOLLO PIANO-PLAYER

RECITALS DAILY

PRICE FROM \$450 UP.

PATTI ENDORSES THE APOLLO.

Adeline Patti (Baroness Cederstrom) has given another great testimonial to the Apollo Piano-Player. She was so delighted with the instrument that was purchased by her last year that this second testimonial is even stronger than the first one that she gave.

Miss Patti says that "the Apollo never has given her the slightest trouble and that the new concert grand is one of the most wonderful and perfect piano-players that she has ever seen."

Hongkong, 3rd September, 1903. [2484]

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

FOR PROCESSION OF OUR LADY OF ROZARY.

THE Chartered steamer

"PATSHAN"
will leave for Macao on SUNDAY, the 4th OCTOBER, 1903, at 9 a.m., returning to Hongkong at 10 p.m.
Steam-launch will convey passengers to Macao, 10 minutes after the steamer's return. The Band of the 3rd Burma Infantry will play during the voyage.
Meals can be obtained on board.
Fares (return) ... \$2.00
For Cabins and tickets, apply to
VICTORIA HAIR-DRESSING SALOON,
13, Queen's Road Central (under
Connaught House).
Hongkong, 25th September, 1903. [2719]

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

GRAND PROCESSION.

THE Well-known & Commodious Steamship
"WING CHAI"
will make a Special Excursion Trip to Macao, on SUNDAY, the 4th OCTOBER, 1903, leaving her usual Wharf (at the Western end of Wing Lok St) at 8.30 a.m. and returning from Macao at 7.30 p.m. the same evening.

Meat Refreshments may be obtained on board.
Tickets—Return ... \$2.
Extra for each Cabin ... \$3.
Tickets for Sale on board and available at
MING ON & CO.,
2nd Floor, 16, Victoria Street.
Hongkong, 25th September, 1903. [2693]

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE FOURTH DRAWING OF SIXTY-FIVE DEBENTURES of the HONGKONG CLUB HOUSE, was held on SATURDAY, the 19th inst., when the following Debentures were drawn for redemption—

9	276	579	1452
32	282	576	1000
43	309	673	1074
51	327	674	1085
53	353	718	1129
109	354	733	1144
161	390	751	1165
171	394	757	1167
177	438	790	1247
180	449	822	1363
210	488	953	1373
230	542	987	1393
273	665	993	136

and will be payable at the HONGKONG AND SHAN-HAI BANKING CORPORATION on the 30th day of SEPTEMBER, 1903, in exchange for surrender of same.

By Order,
C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 21st September, 1903. [2629]

R. J. REMEDIOS,
FOREIGN AND COLONIAL STAMP
DEALER.
No. 39, WINDHAM STREET, HONGKONG.
Will be glad to send STAMPS on approval to any address on receipt of satisfactory references.
Is also prepared to purchase used Postage STAMPS in Large or Small Quantities for Cash.
15 to 25 per cent. Discount Allowed. [163]

PUBLIC COMPANIES:

CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO., LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded that the New Issue of Capital must be applied for before OCTOBER next, after which date any unallotted shares will be dealt with as laid down in the Articles of Association.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 24th September, 1903. [2679]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SOCIETY will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, No. 1, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 8th OCTOBER, 1903, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statements of Account for the year 1902 and for the half-year ending 30th June, 1903, and of declaring Dividends, etc.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 28th SEPTEMBER to the 8th OCTOBER, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. J. SAUNDERS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 18th September, 1903. [2613]

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the Undersigned at 12 o'clock (Noon) on THURSDAY, the 22nd OCTOBER.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd OCTOBER, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office Limited.
Hongkong, 26th September, 1903. [2711]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Nos. 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 31st day of OCTOBER, 1903, at Noon, when the Subjunct Resolutions will be proposed, viz—

- "That the Capital of the Company be increased from \$1,000,000 (divided into 100,000 shares of \$10 each) to \$1,500,000 (divided into 150,000 shares of \$10 each) by the creation of 50,000 new shares of \$10 each to be offered and if accepted to be allotted to the present shareholders of the Company at par in the ratio and proportion of one new share for every two old shares in the Company held by the respective shareholders thereof, the amount payable on each of such new shares respectively to be paid at such time or times and in such manner as the Company by its General Managers may hereafter determine."
- "That Article No. 82 of the Articles of Association of the Company be cancelled and the following Article substituted therefor—

"The remuneration of the General Managers shall be \$4,000 per annum (which shall cover office rent but not salaries of Secretary and other employees) and a commission of 5 per cent. of the net profits of the Company for each year that such profits amount to 7 per cent. of the Capital of the Company."

Should the above Resolutions be duly passed they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated this 24th day of July, 1903.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers. [2705]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

THE SHARE CERTIFICATE No. 4672 for one hundred shares, numbered 37,591 to 37,700 inclusive, standing in the register in the name of Dr. THOMAS RENNIE of Fochow, having been lost, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that unless the said Certificate be produced at the offices of the Company, 38 and 40 Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, before 25th October 1903, a new certificate for the said shares will be issued and the old certificate will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903. [2672]

THE BEST

THE OLDEST

THE CHEAPEST

BELT IN THE WORLD

IS

GANDY'S

"THE GANDY BELT,"

ENGLAND.

SOLE AGENTS:

LUTGENS, EINHSMANN & CO.,

HONGKONG.

CARTRIDGES.

NOBEL'S SPORTING BALLISTITE.

Absolutely Smokeless and Water-resisting.

THE BEST NITRO-POWDER IN THE WORLD.

PRICE OF 12-BORE CARTRIDGES—

Loaded with Powder only, and 1 oz. of Shot

Primrose Cases ... \$6.25

Pegamoid Cases ... 6.50

Ejector Brass Cases 7.50

Apply to—

WM. SCHMIDT & CO

Gummakers, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1902

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A LURKING PHANTOM:

A STORY OF LOVE AND MYSTERY,
BY
JOHN BLOUNDELLE-BURTON
(Author of "The Hispaniola Plate," "The Year One," "A Vanished Rival," &c.).

CHAPTER IX.

LADY BOTTRELL.

When the cab deposited Lady Bottrell at her house in Park Lane after that interview with Mrs. Challis, she intended to go straight to her own rooms and at once tell Séverine of what she had learnt—Séverine, the one soul in all the world who knew her secret and in whom she could confide. Yet, she recalled bitterly, sadly, how long it had been since she and her faithful companion and friend had been forced to part. In the ever allude to the unhappy subject. In the passing of twenty years, in the period when she had gradually emerged from the loneliness of her childhood of her eighteen years, to the ripe splendour of her moridian, that subject had gradually faded away from their minds and conversation; the error, the secret, had disappeared into what was now almost oblivion. It had gone leaving no trace behind, nothing that was ever likely to be unearthed now. With the exception that, somewhere in existence, was the register, in which Rhoda Chantrey's marriage with Mark Lambert was recorded, there was a copy of that entry, there was the two women had often said before they ceased to talk of the matter—no witness, no knowledge, of that marriage left. The Registrar who married Rhoda and Lambert was dead long since, they knew; the clerk who probably died also, the had been an old man even at the time of the marriage; Lambert himself was dead. And twenty years had passed and gone; it was not likely any person who had ever known Rhoda had a husband—who had never known Rhoda but a husband in name—would chance upon that entry either in the original or the duplicate.

They were safe! The past was buried beneath that dust with which Time powders all things. At last they almost forgot that such a past had ever existed. Lady Bottrell had been able to forget it until yesterday.

As now, with all that past re-opened before her, with all her original fears awakened to fresh life, Lady Bottrell was making her way swiftly by the footman at the door, she saw that the man, although still gravely decorous, had a smirk upon his face which was unusual, and which, undoubtedly, it was not becoming for a well-trained servant to assume. She was, however, too agitated to take any notice of this breach of discipline at the moment, but as she passed the dining-room she observed the butler come out of it, and the man's face was also radiant and boyish, such a pleased look upon it that, in spite of her freshly arisen trouble, Lady Bottrell could not refrain from saying:

"What is the meaning of all this smiling and bowing? What, pray, has happened to cause it?"

"My lady," the butler said, bowing and smiling again, "Sir Geoffrey has received some pleasant news. We can't all help being pleased ourselves, my lady."

"Pleasant news! What news?" Lady Bottrell exclaimed in wonder to reply when, before he could open his mouth, a girl, tall, graceful and exquisitely pretty, her face glowing, as her father often said, the exact replica of what her mother had been when he first saw her, came down the stairs.

"Miss Maud, my lady," the butler said, "Miss Maud will tell you," and he held the door of the dining-room back as though feeling perfectly sure that Lady Bottrell and her daughter would instantly enter that room to discuss the "pleasant news" on account of which his face was still wreathed in smiles.

Lady Bottrell and Maud did indeed do as the man supposed they would, and no sooner was the door shut behind them than Maud exclaimed:

"Oh! mother, father has had such a delightful letter from the Prime Minister."

"Yes, Oh! what do you think! Father has been offered a peerage for his services to the country!"

"Great heavens!" Lady Bottrell murmured. "A peerage! Surely he is not going to take it?"

"Not going to take it, mother! Why! why should he take it? Isn't father as good, and fifty times better, than a dozen men who have had peerages conferred on them of late years? And you—your own beautiful mother! Is there a peerage in all the land which will grace the Coronation, when it happens, half as well as you?"

"A peerage?" The Coronation! Lady Bottrell repeated to herself as she sank into the great leather Chesterfield that ran along one side of the dining-room, while she hardly heard the innocent talk of her child as she continued to give utterance to her pleasant thoughts.

A peerage for them! The Coronation! at which she would be a more prominent woman of society than before. And all the time, if the blow could not be averted, she, the new peeress, the woman who had been photographed and had a photograph exposed for sale in a hundred shop windows, and reproduced in dozens of illustrated papers, would be cowering, sheltering in some place, in which she could find refuge. Any place where she, who was no more Lady Bottrell than her housemaid was, could hide her head. She, who, although all unknowingly, all unwittingly—had brought shame upon her husband and worse than shame—dishonour—on the innocent girl before her.

At she thought to herself, ah! if she could but die now as she sat upon that sofa; if she could but shut her eyes and so pass away from the world, what happiness, what relief it would be! There would be no more fear, no more sorrow for her—and—her child, her husband, would be safe. For, surely, she thought, surely that other—her true, her lawful husband—was not so vile—bad as he had once been, bad as he still might be—as he was willing to blackmail that husband, as to marry and befool the birth of her innocent child, when she herself was dead and in her grave. Surely he who had loved her once, though he had so soon replaced her, surely the man whom she had once loved so fondly, would spare her that, if only because she was dead. Poor, destitute, as he might be, he would not hurt and disgrace and dishonour on her grave even if, by so doing, he might enrich himself.

"Why do you take it like this, mother?" she heard Maud saying now. "Why should father refuse the honour offered? Why? After all, we are so happy, so contented that it can bring no trouble or bother on us."

"That is the reason why I do take it so. You have said it. What do we want with any higher rank than we possess? No duchess has greater advantages than I, no duke's daughter more than you. We go everywhere, we are highest in the land, even last night, we were courteous to me as he would have been to any peeress. And your father! His position, if not his rank, is a great one."

"I" Maud said with a smile, a joke that, in her honest girl's heart, was only made in the endeavour to cheer her mother up, "should be an Honourable, until I, too, became a peeress by marriage."

"An Honourable!" and, as Lady Bottrell echoed the word inwardly, her hand went to her heart as though to still some sudden pang in it.

An Honourable! She, Maud. She who, by her own mother's action, was deprived of that very honour which even a beggar's child possessed; she who, by law and custom and usage, had no father, no standing, no rank nor recognition, since the man who was known as her father could by no possibility be her lawful father if Mark Lambert was alive on the day Sir Geoffrey Bottrell went through a form of marriage with that mother. And she had seen Mark Lambert's picture, taken but a short time ago; the picture of her real husband grown old and grey and worn; the picture of the man alive a few months past though thought to have died twenty years ago.

"Where is your father?" she asked faintly, now. Then she added, as an excuse for leaving Maud, "I must see him, talk with him about this before he sends his acceptance to the Prime Minister."

"He is gone out. I do not know where. Are you not ready for your lunch?"

"Not yet. I have been busy—all the—morning. I—I will have something in my own rooms. Go on with your own lunch."

She reached those rooms, composed of a dressing-room opening into her bedroom and that into a little boudoir, or sitting-room, beyond which was Sir Geoffrey's room—a charming little suite decorated and hung with the choicest crotonas and tapestry obtainable. Rooms that none but a rich woman could possibly have had at her disposal; none, not a woman who, possessing nothing herself, had a rich husband to gratify her every wish. A rich husband, she reflected, who had stored those rooms with everything that the heart of any woman could desire or the mind of any woman conceive—works of art in all forms, choice china, pictures, glasses, decorations, everything. A husband who would draw cheques for any wish she could possibly have—yet a husband from whom she could not demand the money that would, that might, save him and her child from di grace—from ruin.

She went to a little cabinet in her boudoir now, a little bureau or chest, standing on squat legs; a thing that, when bought in Paris for a large sum by Sir Geoffrey, had the reputation of having once stood in Chenevoux and been used by Francis I. as a receptacle for the many love-letters he was in the habit of receiving. Except that, now, it had cunningly inserted into it a modern patent British lock, it was the same as it had been in the days of the wild king.

The same, only more so.

From it, from a little drawer at the back which (either from its wood or owing to the presence there, in far off days, of some subtle perfume), emitted a strange scent, she took now a packet, a packet containing a few letters and a photograph. The letters she laid aside; she had once known them by heart and, even now, had not forgotten their form and phrasing, but she had not thought of them for years.

She took the photograph and regarded it long and steadily. The photograph of a dark, handsome man with jet black hair and a mustache; of a handsome face marked only by the eyes being too near together and a more or less insolent expression on the face. Yet still the same man, the same pose as in the photograph of the man shown by Mrs. Challis to her daughter, the morning. Undoubtedly the same man, the man whose photograph had been taken by Sir Geoffrey, at the time of his marriage with Maud. It was, she whispered, "He! He! He!"

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Then, suddenly, she stepped back from the window, her face white with horror, a fresh horror at the thought that, sprung swift as lightning to her mind. A recollection of what she had sometimes heard or read. "My God," she whispered, "has he been in prison all those years, has he but lately been released from prison? What is it they do with prisoners' clothes, with their belongings? Keep them until they come out and then return them? Oh! Oh! Oh!" she whispered, to all the other shades and lamentations, "what is this added? Must I go from a husband and such as Geoffrey to one like that? From a gentleman, an honourable man, to such as this?"

Then, suddenly, she braced herself, she stood looking firmly at the photograph and spoke as though the original stood before her once more.

"Never," she said. "Never. You shall never claim me again. Never! Never. Not while there is a breath to step between us." And again she said firmly "Never."

Though, even as she spoke, she remembered that beyond Mark Lambert, there was still one other who knew her secret. One who, consequently, held her in his hand, who could denounce her as easily as Mark Lambert could himself do.

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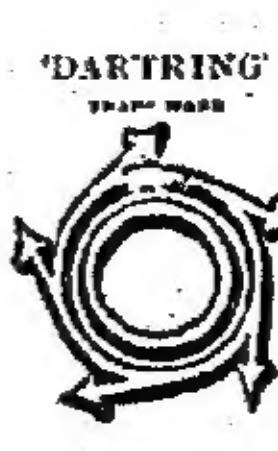
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The *Korea*, with the American Mail of the 3rd inst., left Shanghai on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 1st prox.

The *Ernest Simons*, with the French Mail of the 4th inst., left Singapore on Monday, the 28th inst., at 3 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 5th prox. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 1st August.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

TO	FROM	DATE
Canton	Kinsan	Wednesday, 30th, 8.30 A.M.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Hupoh	Wednesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Tsukuma	Wednesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Ningpo and Shanghai	Shaoching	Wednesday, 30th, 4.00 P.M.
Meji, Kobe and Yokohama	Kagoshima Maru	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Wednesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Fatshan	Thursday, 1 Oct., 9.00 A.M.
Quang Techau, Hailow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Hue	Thursday, 1 Oct., 11.00 A.M.
Lungkok	Keungwa	Thursday, 1 Oct., 2.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Lyeemoo	Thursday, 1 Oct., 4.00 P.M.
Yokohama and Kobe	Suzania	Thursday, 1 Oct., 4.00 P.M.

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Yokohama and Kobe Wohaiwei Chefoo, and Tientsin Manila Shanghai and Chinkiang Straits and Calcutta Manila	Taiyuan Kwangyang Loongding Kansu Szechuan Kobe	Friday, 2 Oct., 11.00 A.M. Friday, 2 Oct., 11.00 A.M. Friday, 2 Oct., 3.00 P.M. Friday, 2 Oct., 3.00 P.M. Friday, 2 Oct., 4.00 P.M. Saturday, 3 Oct., 9.00 A.M. Saturday, 3 Oct., 9.00 A.M. Saturday, 3 Oct., 11.00 A.M. Saturday, 3 Oct., 11.00 A.M. Saturday, 3 Oct., 11.00 A.M.

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Meeting of Zetland Lodge, Freemasons'
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Bank Bills, on demand	45 1/2
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THE AMERICAN MAIL.
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THE INDIAN MAIL.
The Indo-China steamer *Ernest Simons* left Calcutta for this port, via Cochin, on the 25th inst., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 1st prox.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
The M.M. steamer *Ernest Simons* left Singapore on the 28th inst., at 3 p.m., for this port via Saigon.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.
The P. & O. steamer *Shanghai* left Singapore for this port on the 26th inst., at 8 a.m.

The O.S. steamer *Cebu* left Singapore on the 26th inst., a.m., and may be expected here to-morrow.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Latouche* (European Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 26th inst., and is expected here to-morrow, p.m.

The N.G.I. steamer *Capri* left Singapore for this port on the 28th inst., and may be expected here on the 3rd prox.

The steamer *Machona* left Meji on the 29th inst., at daylight, and is due here on the 4th prox.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Hiroshima Maru* (Nippon Yusen Kaisha) left Kobe for this port, via Meji, on the 27th inst., and is expected here on the 4th prox.

The P. & A. steamer *Indaravelli* arrived at Yokohama at noon on the 24th inst., and may be expected here on the 5th prox.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Yamato Maru* (Australian Line) left Kobe for this port, via Nagasaki, on the 19th inst., and is expected here on the 6th prox.

The N.P. steamer *Victoria* arrived at Yokohama on the 22nd inst.

The C.C. steamer *Clarendon* left San Francisco on the 15th inst., for Hongkong via ports.

The C.N. steamer *Taiwan*, from Australian ports, left Sydney for this port via Manila on the 19th inst., and is expected here on the 12th prox.

The Boston Tow Boat Co.'s steamer *Hyades* left Victoria for Vladivostok and Northern ports on the 16th inst.

The C.P.R. steamer *Athenia* left Vancouver on the 21st inst., p.m., for Hongkong, via the usual ports of call.

The Boston Steamship Co.'s steamer *Shanghai* left Victoria for Yokohama and the usual ports on the 20th inst., and is due there on the 8th prox.

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